

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 864

By Curtiss

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Dr. Jerry Hale on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize, particularly on the occasion of their retirement, those outstanding school administrators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding individual is Dr. Jerry Hale, who will soon begin a much-deserved retirement from the Warren County School System, for which he has admirably served as Director of Schools since September of 2000; and

WHEREAS, this assiduous scholar holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Studies and a Master of Education degree in Administration and Supervision from Middle Tennessee State University, as well as a Doctor of Education degree in School Administration from Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, prior to his illustrious tenure as the Director of Schools, Dr. Hale served the Warren County School System with distinction as the Director of Instruction, the Director of Special Education, the Coordinator of Education, and a classroom teacher; and

WHEREAS, he also worked assiduously to motivate DeKalb County's students in Decatur, Georgia, to reach their full potential and devoted fifteen years of sterling service to Tennessee Technological University as an Adjunct Assistant Professor; and

WHEREAS, a highly influential figure in his field, Dr. Hale is a founding member of the Southeastern Superintendents Institute, a valued member of the Advisory Council for the Instruction Leadership Program at Tennessee Technological University, and an advisor to Read

2 Teach, a ground-breaking teacher redesign program sponsored by the Tennessee Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jerry Hale is also a dedicated civic leader and has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order through his service as a member of the Board of Trustees for River Park Hospital, the Capella Health Care System, and the Community Advisory Council at the Warren County Plant of Bridgestone, North America; and

WHEREAS, believing deeply in his mission of educating, empowering, and encouraging all students to achieve their maximum potential, Dr. Hale has guided the Warren County School System with tremendous acumen and alacrity and leaves the school system in excellent shape for the future; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Dr. Jerry Hale has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his students, parents, teachers, and school board alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Dr. Jerry Hale our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, applaud his dedication to the students of Tennessee, and wish him much happiness and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.